

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A flexible fluid containment vessel for the transportation of cargo comprising a fluid or fluidisable material, said vessel comprising:

an elongated flexible tubular structure having a circumference comprised of at least two fabric segments having a width which is smaller than a width of the tubular structure, said structure having an inside and an outside;

means for rendering said tubular structure impervious;

said tubular structure having a front end and a rear end;

means for filling and emptying said vessel of cargo;

means for joining said segments together;

said means for joining comprising a first upright member on a surface of a first segment along an edge thereof; a second upright member on a surface of a second segment along an edge thereof; wherein aligning said first and second upright members are aligned, means for sealing a space between said first and second segments and means for securing said first and second upright members together; and

wherein said means for securing said first and second upright members is only affixed either on said inside or on said outside of said structure first and second segments.

2. (Currently Amended) A flexible fluid containment vessel for the transportation of cargo comprising a fluid or fluidisable material, said vessel comprising:

an elongated flexible tubular structure having a circumference comprised of at least two fabric segments having a width which is smaller than a width of the tubular structure, said structure having an inside and an outside;

means for rendering said tubular structure impervious;

said tubular structure having a front end and a rear end;

means for filling and emptying said vessel of cargo;

means for joining said segments together;

said means for joining comprising a first upright member on a surface of a first segment along an edge thereof; a second upright member on a surface of a second segment along an edge thereof; wherein said first and second upright members are aligned, means for sealing a space between said first and second segments and means for securing said first and second upright members together; and

wherein said means for securing said first and second upright members is only affixed either on said inside or on said outside of said structure and A vessel in accordance with claim 1 wherein said upright members are generally C-shaped and said means for sealing a space includes a means having respective complimentary shaped portions to receive said C-shape.

3. (Original) A vessel in accordance with claim 2 wherein said means for sealing a space has generally an I-shape.

4. (Previously Presented) A vessel in accordance with claim 3 wherein said means for securing said first and second upright members together comprises a generally U-shaped clamp which maintains said C-shape members in a clamping arrangement with each other and the I-shaped sealing means therebetween.

5. (Previously Presented) A vessel in accordance with claim 2 wherein said upright members are formed from the edge of said first segment or said second segment.

6. (Previously Presented) A vessel in accordance with claim 2 wherein said upright members are fixedly secured to the edge of said first segment or said second segment.

7. (Previously Presented) A vessel in accordance with claim 6 wherein said upright members are maintained within an overlap formed from the edge of said first segment or said second segment.

8. (Previously Presented) A vessel in accordance with claim 7 wherein said overlap is sewn or glued to the surface of said first segment or said second segment.

9. (Previously Presented) A vessel in accordance with claim 1 wherein a length of said first segment or said second segment is equal to that of the circumference of the tubular structure.

10. (Original) A vessel in accordance with claim 1 wherein said means for securing said members together includes stitching said members together.

11. (Original) A vessel in accordance with claim 10 which further includes rope as part of the stitching.

12.-21. (Cancelled).